

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
November 6th, 2025**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: 42__, zoom _11__

Committee members: _15__

Groups represented: __24__

Guests: _5__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Blue__

Read Concept of the Month: __Karen__

New GSR's Present: Jim (Remnant Group) / Amy (Sober Sisters Study Tribe)__

New attendees present: _0__

Anniversaries: _Lisa (11 yrs.) / Natae (29 yrs) / Justin (3 Yrs) / Ed (12 Yrs)_____

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Dan P. / **Alt. DCM:** OPEN

Good evening District 11,

This month I was not able to make much progress on possible meeting locations. Next month I will have a more in-depth final report with a couple of location recommendations.

On October 4th I attended and District 11 hosted the Northern Illinois Area 20 (NIA20) Fall Committee Meeting. I want to express my thanks to any and all who were available to help. The event went well, and we had a lot of leftover food that made it's way to New Direction's Retreat facility in Woodstock so it did not go to waste.

On October 9th I hosted the Legacy of Service Concepts Study. There were no other attendees. I will let the next DCM decide whether or not the study should continue.

For the rest of the month, I helped with some planning of the SoberFest speaker panel. Our Delegate Erik reached out, and I accepted an offer to chair a panel at the Illinois State Conference on Traditions 10, 11, and 12.

I also had the pleasure of exchanging some emails on some questions about our traditions and some of the happenings over the past years at our General Service Board, Office and Conference. While I am no expert on any of the three, I am always available to anyone seeking more information or discussion. Please feel free to reach out any time via phone, text, or email.

Thank you,

Dan P.

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QUESTIONS:

Q: RE: New meeting venue - why are we doing this?

A: We signed a new lease where we are and are welcome to stay as long as we'd like, we have just rotated in the past every few years to give different locations, so just putting it out there as an option for discussion.

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

Secretary's Report: Secretary - Ryan D. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

- Zoom Attendees Please enter your name, position, and group information into the chat
- If anyone needs to add a group or make a change to a group please fill out a form in the back and bring it to me. I will submit it to the webmaster, registrar, and schedule maker.
- If there are any issues with a prior submitted form please see me after the meeting.

QUESTIONS: None

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. Passed.**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo G. / Alt. Treasurer - Bud S.

Over the past month, we have had Income of \$ \$754.40 and Expenses of \$ \$399.45. This puts our available funds at \$5,348.91 based on our prudent reserves.

Are there any questions about the report?

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo Gallegos
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org
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QUESTIONS:

Q: Is there a zell or a way for online attendees to contribute?

A: not yet, we have looked into it and it will be discussed in the future. For now we are missing some essential tax documentation.

****Motion to Accept November Report: Passed**

~Pass the 7th Tradition Basket~ * Rent is \$1.00/per person/per hour - we typically occupy 2 hours.
Requested Donation of \$2.00 Per Person.

DISTRICT 11 ELECTIONS

Sid - Flyer on 3rd legacy voting procedure on each table if necessary.

Officer positions are $\frac{2}{3}$ vote

Committee positions are Majority rule vote.

Who is eligible to vote?

All officers or their alternate

All committee chairs (not alts. Unless the chair is not here)

All GSR's have a vote (ALT GSR's do NOT have a vote unless GSR is not available)

NOMINATIONS:

OFFICERS

- 1) **DCM** - JD read and available online - 2 year term / 5 year sobriety recommended
 - a) Amy nominates Natae for DCM
 - i) **Natae** accepts nomination
 - b) Natae gives qualifications
 - c) Question - Do you expect to get to as many area/district meetings in the 2 years?
 - i) A: Yes

VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote reached - Unanimous

- 2) **Alt. DCM** - OPEN
- 3) **SECRETARY** - OPEN
 - a) JD read and available online - 2 year term / 1 year sobriety recommended
 - b) Angelo nominated but declined
 - c) Inform groups of need for Secretary
- 4) **TREASURER** - JD read and available online - 2 year term
 - a) Dan nominates - Bill (Current Alt. treasurer)
 - i) Bill declines nomination
 - b) **Angelo** Stands for Treasurer position
 - i) Angelo has been treasurer for 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ year
 - ii) Angelo gives qualifications
 - (1) Question - Will we see monthly contributions?
 - (a) It is in the report where you can see that now

VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote reached - unanimous

- 5) **Alt. TREASURER** - JD read and available online
 - a) Angelo nomintes Bill
 - i) **Bill** Accepts nomination
 - b) Bill gives qualifications
 - i) Questions -

VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote reached - unanimous

COMMITTEE

- 6) **CPC** - 2 Years Sobriety
 - a) Llsa nominates Mary E.
 - i) **Mary** accepts nomination
 - b) Mary gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

7) **CPC Alt.** - OPEN

- a) Mary nominates Brian
 - i) Brian declines

8) **PI** -

- a) Georgene nominates Mark
 - i) **Mark** accepts
 - ii) Mark gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

9) **Alt. PI** - OPEN

- a) Mark nominates Georgine
 - i) Since she has already been Chair it is declined
- b) Any comment/question on willingness and qualification for a position - shouldn't they be eligible to accept the nomination?
 - i) A: the spirit of rotation, to allow a new individual to become the Alt. so they can learn from the PI - to be groomed - Georgene can be on committee, but someone new should be groomed.
- c) Mike nominates Justin
 - i) Justin declines

10) **CORRECTIONS** -

- a) JD given - available online - 2 years sobriety / 2 year duration
 - i) Blue nominates Brian
 - (1) **Brian** accepts
 - (2) Brian gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

11) **Alt. CORRECTIONS** - OPEN12) **GRAPEVINE** -

- a) No Nominations
- b) **Steve** Stands for Position
 - i) Steve gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

13) **Alt. GRAPEVINE** - OPEN14) **ACCESSABILITIES** -

- a) **Craig** stands for chair
 - i) Craig gives qualifications
 - (1) Question: How long have you done the position?
 - (2) He's been for 6 months interim and would like to continue

VOTE: Majority received

15) **Alt. ACCESSABILITIES**

- a) **Sharon** nominated
 - i) Sharon accepts
- b) Sharon gives qualifications
 - i) Question - would elder care be considered accessibilities?
 - ii) A: Yes

VOTE: Majority received

16) **TREATMENT SETTINGS** -

- a) Natae nomintes Karen
 - i) **Karen** accepts nomination
 - ii) Karen gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

17) **Alt. TREATMENT SETTINGS - OPEN**

- a) Lisa nominates Georgine
 - i) Georgine declines

18) **ANSWERING SERVICE**

- a) Mike nominates Rob
 - i) Rob accepts
 - ii) Rob gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

19) **Alt. ANSWERING SERVICE**

- a) Rick stands and qualifies

VOTE: Majority received

20) **WORKSHOPS -**

- a) Blue stands and qualifies

VOTE: Majority received

21) **Alt. WORKSHOPS -**

- a) Terri nominated
 - i) Terri accepts
 - ii) Terri has 21 mos. We approved short of 24 mos. For alt role.
 - iii) Terri gives qualifications

VOTE: Majority received

22) **LITERATURE -**

- a) Natea nominates Georgene
 - i) Georgene accepts and gives qualifications
 - ii) Questions: Will you be buying enough literature for events to have literature for sale @ events
 - iii) A: yes

VOTE: Majority received

23) **Alt. LITERATURE - OPEN**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Chair: Craig D. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Hello!

Not much movement within the accessibility committee

Worked to update a letter to send to retirement homes/ inpatient nursing facilities/ other facilities that may have elders who are unable to access meetings.

will be taking the letter to the NIA20 accessibility meeting for workshopping/ polishing!

thank you!

Craig

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike M. / Alt. Chair - Rob R.,

Answering Service Report:

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Answer Rate:	79.59%
Total Calls	49
Wrong Number/Hang up	10
Delivered Calls	39

Rob and I discussed briefly some objectives early in October.

We have a Draft Answering Service Info document created (PPT).

Still needs some work to complete it, so that it has accurate information for our district.

We will present it and distribute it to the district at the next district meeting.

The Spanish flier was deemed to be incorrectly written, and we asked a fellow to proofread it.

We are still waiting on an improved version. We will follow up with them.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers! If you or someone at your group is looking for 12-step service, please reach out to Rob or myself.

Mike Mensinger

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair:

Hello District 11

I am in Nashville TN tonight, hoping I will be joining you on ZOOM.

We have our two speakers for the Old Timers Brunch. Natae S., Design For Living 29 Years, and Ken D., Winners And Beginners 30 Years. That date is Sunday February 22, 2026 at the Wauconda American Legion. My next step there is to start talking to volunteers.

I have started putting District 11 Archives display for Soberfest together. While I am extremely excited that we received a donation last year of 5 display cases, they are heavy, and difficult to assemble, thus making them difficult for temporary display. I have purchased 5 tri-fold display boards with header boards, \$69.04. I have also purchased an art portfolio tote bag, \$23.58 for easy transportation of these display boards, for a total of \$92.62. I am submitting receipts in the amount of \$92.62. These are difficult to use for display of Grapevine, books and booklets, but I plan to use them to display pages of our local history and other AA history that may be of interest. If you have an interest in volunteering some time in the Soberfest Archives Room, you can contact me, or just stop by the Archives Room and stay for an hour or two, giving somebody there a break.

Upcoming, I should have asked for a budget increase last year, but did not. I will be asking for an Archives budget increase of \$200.00, from \$300.00 to \$500.00.

Pending our new DCM's choice, I am willing to accept Archivist position for Panel 76, 2026 and 2027, to bring completion to work I have started.

Rich H.
District 11 Archivist
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CPC Report: Chair: Laurie L. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Corrections Report: Chair: Clint K. / Alt. Chair: Brian H.

I am reporting in this fashion as I am attending the National Corrections Conference.

We have had a great recovery with volunteers and the ongoing relationship with the Sheriff and his staff continues to be excellent.

There are now four cell blocks of men and one of women and we have always been able to cover all who signed up for a meeting.

We have a good supply of books and our most recent contribution came from Joe's Garage and I sent them a thank-you note.

I thank you all for a great four years, two as Treasurer and two as Corrections Chair, but I'm going to focus my efforts more face to face on the still suffering Alcoholic, so I do not intend to take another position. I'll be at the jail!!

Brian has been a great Alternate and were I there I would nominate him and express my support which he has regardless. I urge you to elect him!!

Congratulations to those of you being elected to these important positions. thank you so much for your service.

Clint Kenner 9704 Falcon Drive Richmond, IL 60071 847-922-5303 "The pleasure you get from life is equal to the attitude you put into it."

Application process at McHenry County Jail

<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>

- 1. Log on to McHenrysheriff.org (Above)**
- 2. Click on corrections tab**
- 3. Find and click on "About the jail"**
- 4. Click on Inmate Programming.... Then scroll to the bottom where it says "Jail Volunteers"**
- 5. Read the handbook and take the test....Applicant must get 100% to move on.**

Grapevine: Chair: Karen W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

District 11 GV/LV Report

1. We are part of a GV/LV committee discussion in Kankakee IL with District 52 and Area 20 committee members.

2. We will be represented at the 2025 IL AA/Alanon State Conference in Schaumburg, IL.
3. It has been my honor to represent District 11 these past 3 years. I will help carry the message with others in District 11 going forward in 2026 to have a GV Committee.

Submitted,

Karen Watkins

GSR Orientation:

Literature: Chair: Christa C. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

Public Information: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Mark R.

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Literature and Spanish Big Books and 12 & 12 delivered to the following locations:

McHenry Library- BB and 12 & 12

McHenry Police Dept- Literature

Crystal Lake Police Dept- Literature

Crystal Lake Library- Literature BB and 12 & 12

Bull Valley Police Dept- Literature

McCullom Lake Police Dept- Literature

River East Lakemoor Library- BB and 12 & 12

Lakemoor Police Dept- Literature

Johnsburg Library- Literature BB and 12 & 12

Johnsburg Police Dept- Literature

Spring Grove Police Dept- Literature

Richmond Library- Literature BB and 12 & 12

Richmond Police Dept- Literature

Hebron Police Dept- Literature

Harvard Police Dept- Literature

Harvard Library- Literature BB 12 & 12

Wonder Lake Police Dept- Literature

McHenry County Sheriffs Dept- Literature

Woodstock Police Dept- Literature

Woodstock Library- Literature BB 12 & 12

Huntley Library- Literature BB 12 & 12

Algonquin Library- Literature BB 12 & 12

Fox River Grove Library- Literature BB 12 & 12 Cary Library- Literature BB 12 & 12

Schedule Maker: Chair: Scott Y. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Nataé S. / Alt Chair: Jake R.

Greetings District 11. The treatment committee is happy to share the progress that's been made since we last met in October:

Literature

Plan to place another order for Big Books before year end to cover future requests.

Northwestern Medicine Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Woodstock on Doty Rd

AA meetings are on Thursdays and Sundays @ 10:30 am. We also have Fridays @ 2:30pm that needs coverage. We are looking to add more badged AA members. Have one in process who has applied.

Rosecrance in Crystal Lake

- Intensive Outpatient presentations are held every 3 months.
- Beginner's meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend and share their experience with the first 3 steps.

Committee Participation

We are looking for committee participants. If anyone would like to know more, please let us know.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Nataé (Chair) and Jake (Co-Chair)

Webmaster: Chair: Doug W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

District 11 Web Administrator Monthly Report November 7th, 2025

Greetings! I have been as busy as my health permits:

1. I have completed the revamping of the Webmail client for our use on the District 11 Committee. A list of addresses and credentials will be available next month.
2. I performed updating the District 11 laptop.
3. I updated the events calendar reflecting upcoming events as they are sent to me. If you would like to have your event included in our Events page, please send me a document file; either a .docx or a .pdf.
4. I have been updating our online meeting schedule – and thereby the Meeting App. I would appreciate it if the change/new meeting forms are filled out so that they can be read by the Registrar, our secretary, and myself. It will expedite the process.

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service,

Doug Wilsman Web Administrator, District 11

Webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org

Workshop: Chair - Blu P. / Alt. Chair - OPEN

GSR Reports:

- Lisa (Huntley white church) xmas 1 mon. december 8th - 11 a.m.
- Rich (Young peoples MAC) Hosting new years eve party - will have flyers soon. 409 Front st., Mchenry
- Ryan - Woodstock candlelight - come see us in hospitality room sunday morning.
- Chelsea - flying geese - noon at soberfest alcathon
- Mary - WAC this saturday - fall clean up - please come help - coffee and donuts 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Remnant Group - Gratitude meeting - Thanksgiving morning open 7, meeting 8 - Meeting @ 8 a.m. soberfest meeting
- Angelo - Sat. 11 - 1 GEnoa city group - hospitality suite @ soberfest
- Natae - DFL alcathon 10 p.m. soberfest - and hosp. Suite 7 - 9 saturday

Old Business:

New Business: (ATTACHED to E-mail)

- **Motion to update procedures for hosting Area Meetings**
- **Motion to update reference documents for hosting Area Meetings**

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- **Georgene - we need a schedule maker**
- **Mike - Soberfest is in 2 weeks. Thx to all for participating see you there.**

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:

- 11/08/2025 District 70 Workshop
 - Topic 1: Artificial Intelligence Topic 2:Step 5.
 - 8AM to Noon
 - Rockford Alano Club, 1210 11th Street Rockford, IL
- 11/08/2025 District 52 Keep Service Funshop
 - Noon to 4PM
 - Life Compass Church 175 S. Wall Street, Kankakee, IL
- 11/13/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study
 - 7:30 PM via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187
- 11/14-16/2025 2025 Illinois State Conference
 - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
 - 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL

Meeting Closed at: 9:00____ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday, December 4th, 2025 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake (236 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014)